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Ghaznavi Charges Benthall With Breach Of Promise

What About His Last Year's Assurance Not To Increase Rates And Fares?

N. M. Joshi Demands Six Days For Debate On Railway Budget

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi speaking in the debate on the Railway Budget in the Central Assembly on Monday pointed out that last year the Transport Member had given a definite undertaking that he would make in the next year's budget no proposal to increase rates and fares.

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi said he saw in the Railway Budget the "tyranny of monopolists" referring to the proposed increase of passenger fares.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

The Assembly to-day held the general debate on the Railway Budget. Prof. P. N. Bannerjee, Leader, Nationalist Party, opening the debate, characterised the proposed increase in fares as an unconscionable burden on the people, an iniquitous impost and highly injurious to them. It was astounding that instead of providing comforts to the travelling public and in spite of the demand for reduction of fares, because of the appalling conditions of travel, the Government of India should want to increase fares.

Sir Yamin Khan (Muslim League) declared that the burden of the increase would mostly fall on Government servants and the general public connected with war work. He criticised the recruitment policy of the Railway Board, which he said was resulting in larger employment and promotion of Europeans.

Sir Henry Richardson, Leader, European Group, said that his Group now more than ever gave full support to the strengthening of Railway Reserves and to the steps contemplated by the Transport Member in this direction.

He stressed the need for military authorities to take all practical and possible steps to reduce travel on the part of military personnel.

COMPULSORY TAXATION

Mr. Hussainbhai Laljee, Leader Independent Party complained that the Government's promise to manufacture locomotives in India had not been carried out. Could not arrangements be made, he asked, for the import of machinery for building locomotives in India? A large number of locomotives were sent out of this country at the beginning of the war and he asked what had been done to replace them strongly opposing the increase in fares. Mr. Hussainbhai declared it would create embitterment. People would feel that an attempt was being made to prevent them from seeing their kith and kin; and Government would not get workers to go from place to place to do war work.

Mr. A. C. Datta commented on the injustice of asking third class passengers to bear the same rate of increase as the higher class passengers. He considered it a "compulsory taxation" on the third class passenger.

PREDATORY BUDGET

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta characterised the Railway Budget as predatory in its purpose, oppressive in its results and contemptuous of public opinion.

PLEDGES BROKEN

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi saw in the Railway Budget the "tyranny of monopolists" referring to the proposal to raise passenger fares. Sir Abdul Halim pointed out that last year, the Transport Member had given a definite undertaking that he would make in the next year's budget no proposal to increase rates and fares.

Sir Abdul argued that such expenditure, for instance as was incurred on doubling the Bengal and Assam Railway and quadrupling the East Indian Railway, ought not to have been debited to the Railway Revenues but ought to have been borne by the Defence Services, as they were purely for military requirements. He said that Rs. eleven crores could thus have been saved for the Railway Revenues.

Mr. Jinaraja Hedge believed that the Railways were making at least 12 1/2 per cent profit on their capital outlay. If that was so, he asked why the Government wanted to earn more profit increasing the fares, which was against all well-recognised principles of a State transport service.

Mr. Frank Anthony said none had made more valuable contribution to the war effort than the Indian Railwaymen. He complained that enough had not been done to ameliorate the conditions of the Railwaymen. He said, a fireman in a gun-carriage factory was given allowances which raised his emoluments from Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,300. Would not that cause inflation? He asked the Government to follow a a consistent policy and not apply one principle to the Railway Department and another to other Departments.

WHY CURTAIL DAYS OF DEBATE

Mr. N. M. Joshi complained that the number of days allotted for discussing the Railway Budget had been cut down to three days from six days and said that this was a breach of convention and appealed to the Chair to safeguard the privileges of the House in this respect by insisting on at least six days being allotted for discussion of the Railway Budget.

Referring to the proposal to increase Railway fares as a deflationary measure, Mr. Joshi declared that inflation was Government's own creation and now they were making it an excuse to increase the fares. He asserted that inflation was due to bad monetary policy.

VINDICATIVE TO PUNJAB

Sardar Mangal Singh declared the proposal to raise passenger fares had created bitterness all over the country. He urged the Government, in deference to the wishes of public opinion in the country, to withdraw the proposal.

'MACHINE OF WAR'

Mr. K. C. Neogy said the war Transport Member was treating the Indian Railways as a machine of war rather than as a commercial proposition. The warfare he was conducting was, in fact, directed as much against the travelling public as against the Axis powers.

BENTHALL REPLIES

The War Transport Member, Sir Edward Benthall, replying to the debate, said Government's proposals were wise, fair and reasonable. The increase of 156 million passengers last year, equivalent to 600 trainloads a day. While military traffic had increased, the bulk of the increase was in public traffic. Steps were being taken so far as possible to curtail military passengers.

Short distance passengers within the 50-mile zone, who formed 83 per cent of the total of third class passengers, were to be relieved of the incidence of the burden. No increase was contemplated on journeys up to 10 miles. As regards long journeys the war transport member argued it could not be maintained that a farmer, who was getting Rs. 40 for what he got Rs. 10 before the war or a mill worker, who was receiving three times his pre-war wage could not afford an extra three annas, if he wanted to travel 50 miles.

Complaints against such modest increases came ill from people who were charging 200 or 300 per cent more for their goods or services.

If the contribution to General Revenues were cut, he gave a solemn warning that the cut would have had to be replaced by other taxation in the General Budget.

The House adjourned till Wednesday.—A. P.

Assembly Questions

FORWARD ORDERS FOR MACHINERY

Question Raised About Novel Procedure: Commerce Member's Denial

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

The Commerce Member, Sir Azizul Haque, stated in reply to Mr. Krishnamachari that the quantity of newsprint imported into the country during the 12 months ending December 31, 1943, was 10,000 tons.

Government, he added in reply to further questions, would welcome lower prices for newspapers, but they were unable to make a permanent increase in the permissible number of pages and in the newsprint ration of newspapers as the newsprint supply position could not yet be considered wholly satisfactory. As a temporary measure Government had already allowed certain concessions to newspapers. At the end of March 1943 newsprint with dealers amounted to 649 tons, newsprint with newspapers amounted to 6,830 tons, making up total of 7,479 tons. At the end of February 1944, the corresponding figures were 792, 9,780 and 10,572.

FORWARD ORDERS FOR CAPITAL GOODS

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi asked whether it was a fact that orders for capital goods were being booked in this country to be placed with the United Kingdom, that one of the conditions of booking such orders was that the industrialists had to pay a certain deposit which would be forfeited if the orders did not mature and that there was no guarantee that the goods would be delivered or delivered at prices originally fixed, that the Government were already reserving a portion of India's sterling balance in lieu of these orders and that the Government of India were inducing and encouraging Indian industrialists to book the orders immediately.

The Commerce Member, Sir Azizul Haque: The answer to all parts of the question is in the negative. Industrial concerns have, however, been invited to intimate their post-war requirements of capital goods (machinery) so as to enable Government to assist such industries in securing priority for their requirements if they so desired.

The Commerce Member informed the same member that Major Smith, a representative of the Middle East Supply Centre, visited India in January this year, and the Government of India had discussions with him regarding the scheme, for co-ordinating Indian export licences with import licences granted in the Middle East countries. Government the Commerce Member added, had not agreed to fix the export prices of any article destined to the Middle East countries.

IMPORT OF BRITISH TEXTILE

Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari: Have H.M.G. made any proposal to the Government of India to secure the import of textiles from the U. K?

The Commerce Member: In accordance with the policy of increased imports of consumers' goods, Government have placed a comparatively small demand on United Kingdom for imports of certain textiles. H. M. G. are meeting this demand as far as possible.

Q: Is it a fact that the assurance of H.M.G. to obtain all facilities for exports of British cotton manufactures to India has led the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to the expectation that the accumulation of sterling balances in India's favour will be used up for bringing such goods from Britain to India?—A. P.

C. R. 'IMPRESSED' BY WAVELL'S ADDRESS!

"Glad To Note Reiteration Of Cripps' Offer"

MADRAS, Feb. 21.

Interviewed by the "Orient Press" Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar says, "the first impression left on my mind when I read the speech of the Viceroy is that the British Government have decided not be give cause for any hope for the solution of the impasse and to carry on with the present arrangements for the administration of India.

Continuing Rajaji says that reference to geographical unity of India has pleased some people. Let us however remember that this is only a specious unity which has a distinct strategic value in the philosophy of British occupation. Indeed geographical unity means nothing more than indissoluble disunion, if we take into account the rest of the Viceroy's speech on the condition of India as he sees it. This can give no cause for satisfaction to any but communalists depending upon British support.

The Viceroy's pronouncement with regard to the release of Congress leaders is the most disappointing, reminding as it does, the methods of inquisition and extracting confessions of faith without communication with friends.

Be that as it may so far as I am concerned I am glad to note the offer of the British Government sent through Sir Stafford Cripps is reiterated more explicitly than ever before and expressly includes terms with reference to "interim" Government. I hope this will make some impression on both Hindus and Muslims and that we shall lose no further time in arriving at a workable and just pact so as to put forward and reiterate solemn declaration.

'GEOGRAPHY WON'T STAND IN WAY OF PAKISTAN'

CALCUTTA, Feb. 21.—"I do not agree that because of geography we will not get Pakistan", said the Bengal Premier, Sir Nazimuddin referring to the Viceroy's speech at the joint session of the Central Legislature, while addressing the annual dinner meeting of the Union of Baker Hostel for Muslim students of Calcutta on Saturday last.—A. P.

ANZIO BEACHHEAD PIERCED

Allied Tanks Break Into German Positions

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Algiers radio (Radio France) said to-day "Last minute reports reaching here to-day say that Allied tanks launching a counter-attack in the Anzio beachhead battle have broken into German positions".

British and American troops are at present about one and three-quarters miles from Carroceto it was stated here (to-day). More than 700 German prisoners were taken by the Allies on Saturday. It was also stated that the Germans now have 18 divisions fighting in Italy. The momentum of Kesselring's major assault against the Beachhead dwindled from Saturday's supreme six divisional effort to only minor attacks yesterday. While German troops attempted un successful infiltration in the Carroceto and Cisterna areas, British and American troops were driving back to well within two miles of Carroceto.

TWO ENEMY SUPPLY VESSELS SUNK

CAIRO, Feb. 21: Allied aircraft yesterday destroyed four German planes in the Aegean, shot up a train at Kabasila in south-west Greece, sank two supply vessels at port Nios and another ship south-east of Kalymnos island and bombed Rhodes harbour on Saturday.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

MAHARANI PARVATI OF KAPURTHALA DEAD

KAPURTHALA, Feb. 21.

Her Highness Maharani Parvati of Kapurthala, mother of Lieut.-Colonel Maharaj Kumar Amar Jit Singh, Commandant of state forces and Household Minister, expired last evening after a protracted illness.

The funeral procession was taken out this morning and the body was cremated in the Shalimar garden.—A. P.

Allied Advance In Pacific

Jap Installations Knocked Out On Eniwetok Island

PEARL HARBOUR, Feb. 21.

The rapid progress being made across Eniwetok island indicated terrific bombardment before the invasion knocked out Japanese installations and rendered the Japanese incapable of stiff opposition.

The island is 6,000 yards long, barely a hundred wide and has few developments. It guards the southern channel into Lagoon while Parry Island guards deep eastern entrance.

Pearl Harbour Avenged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

The Pacific Fleet has returned in Truk, one of the strongest harbours of the world, the visit made by the Japanese fleet at Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941, and has effected partial settlement of the debt, says an U. S. war communique.

Nineteen Japanese ships have been sunk at Truk, and 201 Japanese planes were destroyed, the communique adds.

Seven more Japanese ships were probably sunk. More than 50 planes were damaged. Admiral Chester Nimitz said the approach of the United States forces was undetected.

"Only 17 United States planes were lost and one ship moderately damaged."

JAPS FEAR AIR RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

Broadcasts by the Tokyo radio picked up here to-day said the Japanese Government was working out plans to disperse supplies of foodstuffs from cities outlying areas as a precaution against their destruction in air raids. Japanese fear of air raids was reflected in another broadcast which announced practice drill from eight to twelve noon. "If the alarm is sounded at any other time it will be a real alarm, so please be careful" the announcer added.—Reuter.

ALL DONE BEHIND EGYPT'S BACK!

CAIRO, Feb. 21.—The Egyptian Government has not been officially informed of the United States scheme to lay a pipe line from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, said the Government newspaper at Balagh. No steps should be taken without the Government being consulted.

The newspaper added: "Egypt knows of the scheme only from newspapers and reports of debates in the British House of Commons and the U. S. Congress"—Reuter.

TOKYO CABINET CHANGES

Premier Becomes C.-In-C. Of Army General Staff

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Tokyo radio announced today that Gen. Hideki Tojo, the Japanese Prime Minister, has been given the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Army General Staff.

Admiral Higetaro Shimada, Navy Minister, is to be Chief of the Naval General Staff.

Other appointments were Gen. Atsushi Ushiroku be Deputy Chief of the Army General Staff as well as a member of the War Council.

Admiral of the Fleet Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff and Field Marshal General Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff have been relieved of their posts.

Ranji Trophy Semi-Final

CALCUTTA Feb. 21.

In Ranji Trophy Semi-final Bengal's second innings terminated at 2 p.m. with 266 runs.

At the day's end Madras had scored 183 for the loss of 5 wickets in their second innings.

SCORES.

Bengal (1st Innings) 235
Madras (1st Innings) 102

BENGAL (2nd Innings.)

A. Jabbar c Rangachari b Ramsingh 23; D. Das b Rangachari 23; A. Chatterjee st Sreenivasan b Ramsingh 53; N. Chatterjee l.b.w. B. Rangachari 112; M. Sen b Ramsingh 20; P. Sen c Sydney b Ramsingh 0; S. Mustafi l.b.w. B. Ramsingh 4; K. Bhattacharjee run out 2. S. Banerjee st Sreenivasan b Ramsingh 10; B. Mitter b Ramsingh 1; Coochbehar not out 12; Extras 6; Total 266

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Gopalan 8/3/14/0; Ramsingh 27.5/4/90/7; Rangachari 31/14/66/2; Parankusum 5/1/19/0; Kanan 16/4/36/0; Venkatesan 7/0/35/0

MADRAS (2nd Innings.)

Krishnaswami c P. Sen b K. Bhattacharjee 32; Kannan c M. Sen b K. Bhattacharjee 9; Gopal c S. Mustafi b K. Bhattacharjee 14; Bhadradri c S. Mustafi b S. Bannerjee 32; Ramsingh b B. Mitter 13; Richardson batting 32; Gopalan batting 42; Extras 9; Total 183 (for five wickets).—A. P.

NAZI RAIDERS OVER ENGLAND

Attackers Reach London Area: Convent, Church And Hospital Damaged

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Air Ministry to-day announces that before midnight last night, German aircraft were over London and parts of East Anglia and South-east England. In the attack on the London area bombs were dropped at a number of places causing damage and casualties.

Elsewhere bombs did slight damage and the casualties are small.

In the early hours of this morning few German aircraft were over south-east England, where little damage was done and no one was seriously injured.

Five German aircraft were destroyed.

CONVENT, CHURCH AND HOSPITAL DAMAGED

A convent, a church and a hospital were among buildings damaged in last night's fire-raising raid on London.

German planes raiding London last night came over south-east and west coasts. Two forces headed for the capital and an appreciable number penetrated the defences and for most part dropped incendiaries. These were scattered at many different points. High explosive bombs fell in some areas attacked, but setting fire seemed to be the main object of the attack.

From the ground it appeared that one or two small groups of the attacking force were able to retain their formations in spite of heavy barrage and apparently they maintained them over target for they could be heard leaving together over the outskirts.

One of the raiders destroyed crashed in the back gardens of houses in a London suburb. The second was sent crashing in flames on East Anglia.

QUITE LIKE OLD TIMES AGAIN, SAYS CHURCHILL

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, to-day inspected some of the damage caused during last night's raid on the London area. Smoking a cigar and smiling confidently, Mr. Churchill, who was accompanied by a naval officer, responded to the people's cheers with his famous "V" sign and shouted to them: "It is quite like old times again".

R.A.F. RAIDS MUNICH AND STUTTGART

Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command were out in great strength with the important industrial city of Stuttgart as the main objective. Cloud over target began to clear towards the end of attack and crews report seeing intense fires burning among factories in the city.

Mosquitos bombed Munich and an objective in enemy occupied territory. Many mines were laid in enemy waters.

Ten of our aircraft are missing.

126 AXIS PLANES DESTROYED

Fighters and bombers of the American Army Air Force destroyed 126 enemy aircraft in the air on Sunday, February 20, while carrying out the largest daylight attack in history against fighter aircraft plants and other targets in Germany.

The final assessment of losses shows that 21 bombers and three fighters are missing.

Marauder bombers which attacked targets in Holland this morning were from the U. S. Ninth Air Force.

MONDAY'S RAIDS ON FRANCE AND GERMANY

It is officially announced that this morning a small force of R. A. F. and R. A. A. F. MOSQUITOS attacked military objectives in Northern France. Early this afternoon a small force of B 26 MARAUDERS medium bombers of the U. S. Ninth Air Force attacked the airfield at Coxyde on the Belgian coast.

Heavy bomber divisions of the U. S. Eighth Air Force bombed military installations in North-Western Germany to-day. The size of the forces approximated those which took part in Sunday's large operations.

R. A. F. ATTACK ON GERMAN CONVOY

LONDON, Feb. 21: The German news agency said to-day that British BEAUFIGHTERS bombed and machine-gunned a German convoy off the Dutch coast at Den Helder this morning and damaged one of the ships.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 21.

Previous Closing	20.79
To-day's Opening	20.73
Difference	—05
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Difference	+06

The New York Cotton market will remain closed on Tuesday, 22nd February.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York Feb. 21.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors $54.
Anaconda Copper Mining $25 1/4.
U. S. Steel Common $51-7/8.
U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 21.

The market ruled better after the week-end. Coals showed a special feature to-day and all the favourites showed good advances over their last figures. Other sections are also better. Government securities remained unchanged.

PENICILLIN RUSHED BY AIR FOR KASTURBA GANDHI

Devadas And Hiralal See Mother At Agakhan's Palace

POONA, February 21:—It is understood that in view of the grave condition of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, on the request of the Bombay Government, the Government of India have arranged to rush by air penicillin from Calcutta to Poona.

Mrs. Gandhi's condition is reported to be the same as yesterday.

INDIAN SCIENTISTS DO IT IN QUARTER TIME

While it is not known how the penicillin being flown for Mrs. Gandhi was obtained, two young scientists of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, claim to have succeeded in growing this "wonder drug of modern times" and evolved a method whereby maximum growth is attained in quarter of the time hitherto taken in America and England. The medium employed is stated to be wheat and bran.—A. P.

Son Sees Kasturba

POONA, Feb. 21.

In view of the Bombay Government's Communique' on Mrs. Gandhi's condition "which has been deteriorating for some days past and is now very grave", Mr. Shantikumar Morarji and Swami Anand have arrived here.

EX-PREMIER OF BIHAR MEETS MALAVIYA

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 21.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru met Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya again to-day and had long discussion regarding the proposed All-Party Conference.

Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, ex-Premier of Bihar, arrived here this morning and had consultations with Pt. Malaviya. He will be meeting him again to-morrow afternoon.—A. P.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi arrived here this evening from Delhi and saw his mother at the Aga Khan's Palace. Four of his relatives accompanied him.

Mr. Hiralal Gandhi met Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi this afternoon.—United Press.

Conservatives Their Waterloo?

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, FEB. 21.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD, INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVES ARE ADVISING MR. CHURCHILL NOT TO DELAY GENERAL ELECTIONS BEYOND AUTUMN.

It is estimated, Conservatives will be putting up about 500 candidates, Labour 400, Liberal 300, Commonwealth 200 and Communists 200.

It is now conceded, Sir Richard Acland, demonstrated at West Derbyshire that he can put up 100 p. c. political machine with hundred expert political tacticians at a moment notice.

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KHANNA'S SENTENCE REDUCED IN APPEAL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

The Session Judge, Delhi, delivered judgment in two appeals filed on behalf of Mr. Jugalkishore Knanna, Secretary of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee, against his convictions under two counts. The Judge upheld the convictions but reduced the sentence from eighteen to nine months in one case while dismissed the other appeal. Mr. Khanna was convicted on two charges for defiance of his Chief Commissioner's order to report to the office of C.I.D. and seizure of prejudicial leaflets.—United Press.

JOURNALIST RELEASED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

It is learnt that the local Government has passed orders for the release of Mr. Narayanam, Assistant Editor of the "Hindustan Times", who was arrested in August, 1942, under D. I. R. 26.—United Press.

Heading For

ON BURMA FRONT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

On the night of February 19/20 our troops carried on the yet another successful raid on enemy coastal defences on the west of the Mayu Peninsula some distance south of Maungdaw, says to-day's Allied war communique by headquarters of South-East Asia Command.

WEST AFRICANS ADVANCE

On the Kaladan Valley front West African troops continued to advance and are now patrolling actively in the neighbourhood of Kyauktaw.

In the Chin Hills the enemy are continuing to build up their defensive line and our patrols are active throughout the area. During February 18-19 there have been minor engagements in the Atwin Yomas, where our troops continue to improve their position in face of enemy resistance which shows signs of stiffening.

Chinese forces routed an enemy party at Mzaingha and occupied the north bank of the Tanai river, south-east of Taipha Ga to Awninghka. Chinese forces have approached within a few hundred yards of Laawnga, in the Fort Hertz area our forces have ambushed about 30 Japanese.

R. A. F. bombers attacked Taungup on the night of February 20-21.

Justice Niyogi On Codification Of Hindu Law

AKOLA, Feb. 21.

The opinion that the codification of Hindu Law would promote harmony in Hindu society and save time and money involved in needless litigation was expressed by Dr. Justice Bhawani Shankar Niyogi of the Nagpur High Court in his presidential address to the seventh session of the Hindu usages Reforms Conference which opened here yesterday evening.

Justice Niyogi said that the changes contemplated in the new Hindu Law bill were not repugnant to Hindu social order as they were in conformity with the views of ancient jurists.

Referring to joint family and caste system he said they were neither divine nor natural but man-made and therefore could be modified to suit the needs of the time.—A. P.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The State in its collective capacity represents the power, the wisdom, the mercy and charity, of its best citizens. What a single man, or a combination of men, can best do on their own account, that the State may not do, but it cannot shirk its duty if it sees its way to remedy evils, which no private combination of men can check adequately or which it can deal with more speedily and effectively than any private combination of men can do.

—M. G. RANADE.

The Bombay Chronicle

MERGER OF STATES

The States Merger Bill, read for the second time last week in the House of Lords, is an attempt to validate the exercise by the Crown Representative of the right, assumed to be inherent in him, of providing for the suitable administration of very small states as he thought fit. The Bill has been found necessary because of the judicial decision that Lord Linlithgow's merger scheme was "ultra vires". Moving the second reading of the Bill, the Earl of Munster referred to "the disastrous effect produced upon the eight hundred thousand of these states by the present, multiplicity of jurisdictions and fragmentation of their territories". The evils referred to may be readily conceded, and most laudable is the solicitude for the welfare of the states people concerned. But it is curious that remedies for the evils were not devised these many decades and are emphasised only when British domination is nearing its end. If it is suggested that the evils were remedied by British overlordship but will manifest themselves when India will be free, we would condemn the suggestion as outrageous. It is also curious that the eight hundred thousand people referred to were hardly consulted in the formulation of the last merger scheme but were only asked to change masters, as if they were chattels. Nay, under the proposed scheme they will have two masters as we shall show presently.

The evils of extremely small states being conceded, some remedy is necessary, however belated. Some form of fusion is inevitable. The inclusion of the tiny states in the nearest autonomous province is the best solution, for we are sure the people concerned would most welcome the change as giving them some of the advantages of autonomy. But in the proposed plan, the tiny states are to be attached to the nearest large state, which means the people change one autocracy for another. To be more accurate, inasmuch as the chiefs of the states to be annexed are assured that their personal privileges will be fully maintained, the people concerned will have to serve two masters. That is not all. At present the very fact that the states are extremely small brings them under the influence of the higher officials of the neighbouring autonomous provinces. But under the new scheme this advantage will be lost. The Under-Secretary stated definitely: "The Bill as drafted takes away nothing from Talukdars which they have possessed in the past". But no similar assurance is given to the people.

Finally, it is most intriguing that, when the constitutional problem of the country as a whole, including the states, is in the melting pot and the leaders of the country are either in jail or pre-occupied with the larger constitutional question, Britain is in such desperate haste to dispose off the constitutional destinies of the small states without consulting the people concerned. Lord Farrington had evidently reason to say: 'I cannot view this Bill with anything but alarm and despondency, and that is the attitude which is shared by the inhabitants of these tiny principalities. When we are all, including the Government, committed to the policy of Indian progress, it would be correct surely to give these States advantages of representative administration. I suggest that before the Bill is proceeded with further the peoples in these tiny States should be consulted and their wishes taken into consideration". We share his fears and while agreeing, of course, that the people's wishes must be taken into consideration we would suggest that the final decision be postponed for the time being and be considered along with the constitutional problem of the country as a whole.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Pearl Harbour Avenged

The details released about the bombing of Truk, the main Japanese base in the central Pacific, by carrier-based U. S. planes make most inspiring reading. The very fact that such a huge task force could reach within bombing distance of the heart of the Caroline islands, destroy 19 ships and 20 planes, damage many more and thoroughly plaster shore facilities and come away practically unscathed is a significant pointer to the immense naval might concentrated in the Pacific by the United States. How scared the Japs were by the attack was revealed by the sensational reports initially circulated by them that American troops had landed on Truk and fierce fighting was going on. This was rather an unauthorised anticipation of events which may yet happen. But at any rate as the U. S. navy communique says, Pearl Harbour has been avenged at Truk—at least partially. Though the objective of the task force was modest, it meant practically the throwing of the gauntlet to the Japanese navy. Tokyo, however, seems determined not to engage its battle fleet betimes but to save it for the defence of the Japanese mainland proper. This strategy has no doubt certain merits but it may entail the sacrifice of the Carolines as of the Marshalls. Already the occupation of air bases in the Eniwetok atolls brings the Truk island within range of land-based U. S. bombers and Admiral Nimitz will not fail to strike the advantage home. Will the fate that now hangs over Truk compel the Japs to revise their naval strategy?

Stalin's Statement

Though the statement made by Stalin regarding his foreign policy to a member of the Moscow diplomatic corps has received publicity in a round-about manner, there is no reason to doubt its authenticity on that account. For the statement only sums up the various pronouncements made by Soviet spokesmen during the last two years in a concise and categorical manner. Stalin ridiculed the suggestion that he was following an expansionist policy or that he desired to dominate Europe after the war like Hitler before it. Even so he clearly hinted at territorial and political readjustments in Eastern Europe necessitated by strategic necessities. This is, however, an old demand and the mere fact that Stalin will be now in a position to satisfy it does not warrant his critics to attribute evil ambitions to him. Regarding Poland, Stalin reiterated his eagerness to come to terms with the Polish Government "and to have the administration of Polish territories to the west of the Curzon Line as soon as it was freed from the enemy without waiting until hostilities are concluded." Does this last clause mean that as far as the Soviet Government is concerned, they have made up their minds to stand up on the Curzon Line as their eastern frontier?

NOON'S VACANCY NOT TO BE FILLED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21: The Governor-General has decided that the portfolio of the Hon. Sir Firoz Khan Noon, Defence Member, shall be held temporarily by the Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman in addition to his present portfolio during the absence of Sir Firoz Khan Noon as a representative of India at the War Cabinet, says a communique.

A GREAT LITTLE LADY

(By KRISHNA HUTHEESING.)

It is not easy to be the wife of a great man, nor is the role an envious one. Many women, wives of celebrities have found it very difficult to live up to their famous husbands, to put up with their whims and fancies uncomplainingly, and never resent playing second fiddle. Some have succeeded others have not. Among those who have succeeded and have out-shone their husbands is Kasturba Gandhi, the frail but courageous wife of Mahatma Gandhi.

Always overshadowed by the personality of her world-famous husband, she has in her own quiet, gentle and unassuming manner retained her personality and has sacrificed much to keep in pace with her great husband. She has ever kept in the background, willingly giving up all that was rightfully hers to millions of others. During the forty odd years that Kasturba or "Ba" as she is lovingly called by thousands to whom she is a symbol of India's womanhood, has seldom had her husband to herself. And yet perhaps, this very deprivation by which she shared Bapu with the rest of India may have given her great peace. She knew that greatness such as her husband's could not be connned to one home or even to one country.

UNTIRING AND SELFLESS SERVICE

Bapu is undoubtedly the greatest man of our times, but to me Ba is even greater. It needs great strength of character to surrender uncomplainingly what is rightfully yours, to never regret it nor grudge having done so. Life has not been kind to Ba. She has suffered more than a great many people and yet it has never embittered her. On the contrary, it has made her a much finer person. All her life has been one of untiring and selfless service, to the man whom she married and to the country to which she dedicated her life. Though there might be certain things about Bapu that may not be comprehensible at times even to Ba, her loyalty to him has been unswerving.

Little is known of Ba, still less is heard about her. Patient understanding and self-effacing she has spent her life by Bapu's side and her gentleness of spirit has dominated Sevagram these many years. Thus she has not received the acclamations of the people to the same extent as her husband does not mean she is less loved or less revered. The silent love of the millions that surrounds her is in itself a tribute to her greatness.

THREE WEEKS OF AGONY

A year and a half ago Ba was arrested, a day after Bapu; and taken to the now famous Aga Khan's Palace—a palace only in name. It was, indeed, a great concession on the powers that be to allow her to join her husband. Six months later when Bapu started his epic fast Ba hovered around his bedside, a distracted anxious little woman, fearful of the consequences of this great purification. I was permitted to see Bapu once during those days. Never before had she looked so worn out and aged as she did then. Never had one seen her eyes so full of mute anguish and despair. Yet inspite of it, she smiled and went about apparently calm and unruffled. Only those who knew her well guessed that her suffering must be something terrible.

During all those anxious weeks of Bapu's fast Ba never left his bedside, nursing him tirelessly. Bapu lived, and India breathed once again. But the anxiety and mental worry of those twenty-one days broke Ba and ever since she has suffered off and on.

To-day, this superbly brave little woman in her late sixties, is the patient around whom all the inmates of the Aga Khan's palace keep vigil. She is dangerously ill but is still kept a prisoner. There is but little hope of her surviving, but even in her weak condition she seems to be a danger to an all powerful Government, who will not release her. Perhaps, it is just as well that Ba is with Bapu and he is at her side night and day, nursing her and not giving a thought to himself. Having spent forty or more years together in the service of the Motherland, it is fitting that Ba should lay down her life in this manner. But Bapu—what of him? What thoughts and memories must be torturing him to-day while himself a prisoner he can do little for the loved wife except nurse her? If anything should happen to this most beloved of women, India will never forget her. The hours drag slowly past and we who have loved and revered Ba we wait fearfully and anxiously for some bit of news that will give us hope—some answer to our prayers to keep her in our midst for many more years to come.

CONSTABLES DO IT?

KARACHI, Feb. 21. Two constables of the Karachi Police Force and another person have been arrested on charges of pick-pocketing, robbery and conspiracy.

JAPANESE OFFER OF BURMA RICE FOR INDIA

Question In Council Of State: Govt. Not To Intervene In Suresh Vaidya's Case: Passports For Indian Journalists

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

India's defence expenditure was raised in the Council of State during question hour to-day.

Answering a question by Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh, Mr. C. E. Jones Secretary, Finance Department said that out of the total expenditure incurred by India on defence and supply services during the five years 1939/40 to 1943/44, the amount charged finally to Indian revenues under the terms of the Financial Settlement is now expected to be about Rs. 800 crores, leaving a balance for the same period of about Rs. 940 crores at the debit of His Majesty's Government. The latter amount consisted for the most part of the cost of supplies and services rendered by India to or on behalf of H.M.G.

The amount borne by H.M.G. in meeting half the capital expenditure on measures of industrial expansion (including those recommended by the Roger Mission) was estimated roundly at Rs. 12 crores to the end of 1943/44.

JAPANESE RICE OFFER

The reported offer of Japan to export rice to India from Burma was referred to by Mr. Hossain Imam in a question. He wanted to know if it was a fact that Greece was being supplied with wheat by Allied powers in spite of its being in enemy occupation and if it was not possible for Japan to have adopted the same methods if their offer was genuine and sincere.

Mr. B. R. Sen, Secretary, Food Department, replied that there was reference to such an offer in a Japanese broadcast towards the end of August 1943, but no communication on the subject from or on behalf of the Japanese Government was received. The broadcast aroused very little interest and no action was necessary. The Government of India had no definite information about the supply of wheat to Greece, but had seen references to it in the press. India was not in alliance with Japan nor was it in enemy occupation.

SURESH VAIDYA'S CASE

Several questions were asked by Mr. G. S. Motilal on the subject of the arrest of Mr. Suresh Vaidya, an Indian journalist in England, on his refusal to obey call-up order.

The Secretary for the Overseas Department, Mr. R. N. Bannerjee, said that Mr. Suresh Vaidya who had been in the United Kingdom since 1932 claimed exemption from the National Service Act as a conscientious objector in 1941, but his claim was rejected by the tribunal. The liability to national service of Indians resident in Great Britain was governed by the National Service Act 1939 which applied to all British subjects resident in the United Kingdom for a prescribed period except for temporary purposes or for attending a course of education. The Government of India were not, therefore, consulted in the matter.

He added that it was the policy of H.M.G. to conscript all persons residing in Britain who satisfied certain prescribed conditions as to age and period of residence in the country except those who were there for temporary purposes or for attending a course of education. Mr. Bannerjee said that it was not a fact that Mr. Vaidya was exempted from joining the colours in 1941 under the plea that he was conscientious objector.

HIS PLEA

The fact was that Mr. Vaidya's claim for exemption from national service as a conscientious objector was rejected in 1941, the tribunal having been satisfied that he had no conscientious objection to military service. He was, therefore, made to appear before a medical board in 1942, his callup was deferred till 1943 and it actually was made only in the beginning of this year.

He refused to obey his callup orders, was arrested, tried and handed over to a military escort. Mr. Vaidya had no ground for claiming special exemption from the laws prevailing in the United Kingdom. The Government of India, therefore, did not consider that any action on their part was called for.

The approximate number of women now employed underground was 10,500, said Mr. H. C. Prior answering Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh. He added that infants did not accompany the women in coal mines. No child was allowed underground in coalmines.

DOMINION PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

Sir Mohammed Usman answered in the affirmative a question by Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh whether it was a fact that plans for the meeting of Dominion Prime Ministers in London within a few months had been completed with a view to an exchange of comprehensive range of ideas and thought of mutual interest. He added that this was to be a meeting of the United Kingdom and Dominion Prime Ministers and not a full Imperial Conference, but the representatives of India at the War Cabinet would be in London at the time and would be available for consultation on matters of interest to India.

Mr. Razai Karim wanted to know whether India had been invited to the conference.

Sir Mohamed replied that he had nothing to add to his reply.

INDIANS IN AMERICA

Answering a question by Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh regarding the steps taken by Government to obtain citizenship rights for Indian settlers in the United States of America, Sir Mohamed Usman said that the Agent-General for India had made representations to the State Department. Both the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America realised the importance of the issue and were giving the matter the most earnest and active attention.

Proposals for the extension of the jurisdiction of the Federal Court of India were under correspondence with the Secretary of State, said Mr. S. A. Lal replying to a question.

PASSPORTS TO CHINA

Sir Mohamed Usman, in answer to a question, said that certain Indian journalists applied for passports for China on the ground that they had been invited by the American army authorities to visit some of their installations there, but when the Government of India made enquiries they were informed that the American authorities had dropped the proposal. The question of the grant of passport facilities did not, therefore, arise. He added that no cases had come to the notice of the Government of India in which some Indian journalists wanted to go to England or U.S.A. at their expense for their journalistic work but were refused passport and travel facilities.

COFFEE BILL PASSED

The Council of State to-day passed the Bill to further amend the Coffee Market Expansion Act and the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to central duties of excise, both as passed by the Legislative Assembly.

The Leader of the House, Sir Mohammad Usman announced that the debate on the food situation would take place in the Council on Monday next. The Council then adjourned till 23rd instant.—A. P.

EGG SHELL THROWN AT KAPADIA

Hindu Sabha Volunteer's Way Of Protest

BOMBAY, Monday.

An shell loaded with coal tar was thrown at Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia by a Hindu Mahasabha volunteer in the Municipal Corporation Hall on Monday afternoon, but it missed the mark and simply disfigured the floor. The incident arose over the resolution of Mr. M. N. Talpade who moved:

That the Corporation have learnt with regret that the Government of Bombay, while accepting the suggestion of the Corporation as to delimitation of Wards, have rejected their proposal for allocation of seats which the Corporation had accepted after due deliberation. The Corporation therefore requests the Mayor to address a representation to the Government requesting them to reconsider their decision in the matter of allocation of seats as the same is unjust to voters in the various wards of the City.

The readjustment referred to was published in the "Government Gazette" on 20th December last and was aimed at reducing one seat each from Girgaon, Panaswadi, Dadar and Matunga while Dongri, Khara Talao, Nagpada and Byculla were given each one more seat.

The resolution was thrown out only two voting for it after some discussion but the result was greeted with shouts of "shame, shame" from the public gallery from the aforesaid volunteer, who threw at the same time the coal-tar-loaded egg shell. The volunteer was detained by the municipal peon afterwards.

CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan then moved the following resolution.

"That with reference to their letter, dated the 7th February 1944, Mr. M. R. Masani, (Chairman), and Mr. D. V. Pradhan, Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Dr. Jos. Alban D'Souza, Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi, Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai and the Hon'ble Raja Bahadur Govindlal Shivlal Motilal (Members), representatives appointed by the Corporation on the Joint Civil Defence Committee, Bombay, be informed that in the circumstances stated by them in their letter the Corporation agree in their view that it will not be consistent with their personal self-respect and the dignity of the Corporation for them to continue as representatives of the Corporation on the Joint Civil Defence Committee, Bombay, and that the Corporation therefore whilst appreciating the stand taken by their representatives accord their endorsement to their resigning their seats on the Committee.

That His Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate to Government the decision of the Corporation and their emphatic protest against the failure of Government to carry out the agreement arrived at, and the assurance given by them, at the time the Joint Civil Defence Committee was established and to inform Government that, as by their attitude they have rendered the existence of the Committee meaningless, the Corporation do not propose to nominate any representatives in place of those who are now withdrawing from the Committee.

Mr. M. N. Talpade though gave his general assent to the resolution pointed out at the same time, that since the mandate had come from the Government of India, the Provincial Government were bound to disband the services under the control of the Joint Civil Defence Committee. If Government did not want the Committee, members of the Committee should not force their presence upon the Government.

The resolution was put to vote and carried "nem con."

TAGORE DRAMA ON THE STAGE

"Valmiki Pratibha" Scores Success

An appreciative audience witnessed with rapt attention "Valmiki Pratibha" in Bengali presented second time on Sunday at the Framji Cowasji Institute. The play, which represents an interesting episode from the younger days of Valmiki, has the originality and maturity of the style, even though it happens to be Tagore's earliest dramatic creation. From the point of view of the technique it is an opera—a musical drama.

The refreshing notes of the performance are the accompaniment of the well-tuned and delicately played "Indian string instruments and mridanga" to the songs, dances and dialogues and the efficiency of direction, high standards of acting and the refinement of the style of presentation. Gentle and graceful group-dances in the Manipuri technique by the wood-nymphs form an additional attraction. They are in a pleasing contrast to the wild dances of the robbers.

Valmiki appears in the opening scene as a member of the band of robbers. He dominates them, but obviously he is not designed to be one of them. His talent gift of the poetic genius singles him out from his associates. The unconscious utterances of a verse and the manifestation of Sarasvati mark the stage of enlightenment and conversion. The bandit Valmiki ultimately emerges as the first and immortal poet. Tagore has skillfully delineated the character of Valmiki.

The cast consists of the artistes of Shantiniketan who are experienced and are well-grounded in the theatrical traditions of the institution. Shanti Dev Ghosh is an appropriate selection for the leading role. He is stable in his acting and is alive to the wide emotional scope of the character of Valmiki. Seva Maity acquits herself creditably as the girl who has lost her way and has fallen in the hands of robbers. Shishir Ghosh plays the role of the leader of the robbers with freedom and ease and is ably supported by other artistes as his associates.

The climax of the play is reached in the scene in which Sarasvati reappears and makes the gift of her Veena to Valmiki. Suchitra Mookerji as Sarasvati delivers her lines with the dignity and serenity of her role. A group-dance by the wood-nymphs to the accompaniment of the sweet music of the string instruments and mridanga forms a delightful part of the finale. The directors and artistes deserve to be congratulated on the success of the production.

D. G. V.

LONDON, Feb. 21: The War Office announced to-day that British and Empire accredited war correspondents are eligible for the award of the African Star and the 1939-'43 star.—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL DISMISSED

Important Points Under The Defence Of India Rules

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Sen).

Imperator ..... Appellant
Versus
Rayangauda L. Patil of Taluk ..... Respondent
(Original Accused).

The accused had been charged with having failed to comply with the order of the District Magistrate dated 6th September 1942 to appear before the Superintendent of Police by the 21st of that month, under Rule (5B) (b) of the Defence of India Rules. All powers under Rule 26 had been delegated to District Magistrate by a notification of the Government of Bombay dated 19th December 1941, but the old Sub-rule (5B) was repealed and re-enacted on 15th August 1942 which in effect added a new clause (b) under which the accused was charged. The question therefore arose whether the District Magistrate had the power to issue the order of 6th September 1942 for breach of which the accused had been charged.

The Session Judge of Belgaum, Mr. P. M. Lad, held that the District Magistrate had no authority to issue that order and that in any event the order was not served in accordance with Rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules which required that where the person could not be found a copy of the order should be left with some adult male member of his family or affixed to the house in which he last resided. He therefore directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, and on their doing so, acquitted the accused. From this order of acquittal, the Government of Bombay appealed to the High Court.

Their Lordships rejected the argument of the Advocate-General that under Sec. 8 of the General Clauses Act which was expressly made applicable by Rule 3 of the Defence of India Rules, references to the old Rule 26 in the order of delegation must be construed as references to the same Rule as repealed and re-enacted. Their Lordships were of opinion that the General Clauses Act applied only to the interpretation of the Defence of India Rules but not to orders made under those Rules. Their Lordships were further of opinion that there was no evidence that the order of the District Magistrate which was not served in compliance with Rule 119 was in this case brought to the notice of the accused. Their Lordships, therefore, dismissed the Government's appeal.

The Advocate-General with the Government Pleader appeared for the Government of Bombay.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad with Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar and Mr. B. D. Belvi appeared for the Accused.

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in their present policy of prohibition but rather to extend it to Fort area bars serving liquor to servicemen.

(5) Following the "three courses only" rule for meals, a "three pegs only" rule will be enforced on all bars by the rationing authorities.

(6) Such a move, however, will be deeply resented by local gharrywalas, not to mention the servicemen themselves!

(7) Barley sweets were distributed in the "Times Of India" office to celebrate the improvement of Allies' position in Italy and the members of the editorial staff relished them. So much that they wrote several columns of praise for it.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19. During the question hour, the Chief Minister stated in the Bengal Assembly to-day that the number of police stations, offices and houses belonging to Government and private persons burnt by Congress before and after the Cyclone in Tamluk and Contai sub-divisions of the Midnapore districts were 43 and 38 respectively and the number of Congress camps and houses burnt by Government forces 31 and 164 while those burnt by villagers were one and two respectively.—United Press.

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"Big News For Services" announces a headline in the "Times of India"

Can you guess what it is?
Capture of Rome?
Tokio bombed?
Allies march on Rangoon?
Free beer for all privates?
The war to end in 1944?
No, none of these things. It is something infinitely bigger still—"Gert and Daisie" have arrived in India!

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The Allied position on the Anzio beachhead front, it is officially announced, has improved.

The news censorship situation has somewhat improved, too!

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Cabinet changes are announced from Tokio. Their purposes is "to promote a swift increase in the war fighting strength"

There is no truth in the rumour however, that, having despaired of "the war fighting strength" of Tojo, they have offered the Premiership to Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek!

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In a message to the conference of the Natal Indian Congress, General Smuts says, "The Conference meets at a time when difficult issues once more are under consideration."

And most of these "difficult issues" are of his own creation!

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Dr. Khare, in a message to the same Conference, urged Indians to "speak with one voice and wish for a common cause. May the Conference maintain sobriety and wisdom".

Like the Indian Overseas Member himself who has found "sobriety and wisdom" to pay very well, indeed!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The All-India Aryan Congress recently held in Delhi received a message of greetings from Hitler who claims to be the greatest Aryan of them all.

(2) Stalin has cabled to Mayor Masani to mediate in the Russo-Polish dispute.

(3) When they met in Madras, the Viceroy gave Mr. Rajagopalachariar a copy of his New Delhi speech and it took C. R. fortyfive minutes to read it through.

(4) The Bombay Government have decided to make no change whatever

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TO-DAY MATINEE 1-30 P.M. IMPERIAL Daily 3 Shows: 4, 7, 10 p.m.

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Vad 13, 2000.
Muslim: Safar 26, 1363.
Parsi: Shehrever 21, 1313.
Sunrise: 8_5 a.m. Sunset: 7-40 p.m.
Hightide: 10-23, 23-21. Lowtide: 4-40, 16-29.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: A discourse by Princess Prabhavati Raje of Dewas Sr., to_day (Tuesday), at 5-0 p.m.

BILLAWAR ASSOCIATION: Shivaratri celebrations will be held at 3 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), in the premises of the Billawar Association, at 17 Raghunath Dadaji Street, Fort.

BOMBAY HINDU SABHA: A special meeting of the Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha will be held at the Bachubai Building, Damodar Hall, Parel, at 4 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

ANDHRA ASSOCIATION KALYAN: Mr. Lingappa Devappa of Bangalore will give his musical (Instrumental) entertainment in Andhra Association premises Kalyan, at 9 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), on the occasion of Mahashivaratri.

BOMBAY FIELD CLUB: Dr. Amiya Chakravarty, D. Phil. (Oxon.), Professor, Calcutta University will deliver a lecture on "Development of Poetry-through the Ages" at 6-30 p.m., to-day (Tuesday), at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge.

Progressive Writers' Association

A meeting of the Progressive Writers Association will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 4-30 p.m. at the Journalists Club, Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road, when Dr. Amiya Chakravarty will speak on "Modern Trends In Bengali Literature". Professors Humayun Kabir and Ayoob will participate in a discussion on "What is progressive literature?"

G. N. Balasubramanian's Concert

A musical performance by Travancore Samasthana Vidwan Sri G. N. Balasubramanian has been arranged by the South Indian Sangeetha Sabha to be held to-day (Tuesday), at 5 p.m. at the South Indian Education Society's Hall, Matunga. The musician will be supported by Sri Rajamanickam Pillai on the violin, Sri Palghat Mani Iyer on the Mridangam and Sri Devakottah Sundarraja Aiyengar on the Ganjira.

CINEGOERS TO MOURN 'FATHER OF INDIAN SCREEN"

The members of the Cinegoers' Association of India, will mourn the sad demise of Sjt. Dada Saheb Falke, the Father of Indian Screen, who died in Nasik at the age of 74 years on February 16th at a meeting to be held to-day (Tuesday), at 8-30 p.m. (S. T.), in the hall premises of Marwari Mitra Mandal, 2nd Fanaswadi, Kalbadevi Road.

ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Bombay Branch of the All-India Women's Conference has invited the All-India Women's Conference to hold its annual session in Bombay during the first week of April.

NO CURTAILMENT OF PASSENGER SERVICE: The Passenger and Traffic Relief Association have in reply to their telegram received an assurance from the Hon. Member for War Transport that with the arrangements made to improve the coal position on the B. B. & C. I. Rly., the necessity for any further curtailment of passenger service is not likely to arise.

Selections For Today's Races

WONDERFUL LIKELY IN SURGEON GENERAL'S CUP

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Several of the candidates who have been accepted in to-day's programme are likely to be course scratchings, as they have already met their engagements on Saturday last. Holiday racing enthusiasts are sure to patronise in big numbers and make the meeting, the net proceeds of which will be donated for the causes of Hospitals, successful.

In the day's only Cup event, the Surgeon General's Cup, Wonderful is likely to score.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Two Two Tye 1. Intidhar al Shabab 2. Amir al Jazira 3.

2nd race: Blue Wonder 1. Wilhelmina 2. Same Brown 3.

3rd race: Asman Tara 1. Hindustan 2. Malik al Jivad 3.

4th race: Faiz 1. Bay Peter 2. Prominent 3.

5th race: Wonderful 1. Snowfall 2. Jaimangal 3.

6th race: Wonderful 1. Radio Man 2 Rath 3.

7th race: Gold Flake 1. Alà Honak 2. Lion of Lanka 3.

8th race: Royal Oak 1. Nalini II 2. Tamim al Khair 3.

9th race: Niraly 1. Odds On 2. Silverlining 3.

Flukes: Mohalebbi and Jaiwant.

Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament

The ninth Inter-Provincial Tournament commenced in Bombay last evening before a relatively moderate crowd, when Sind beat C. P. & Berar by 4 goals to 1—a margin which about correctly suggests Sinds' superiority over their rivals. P. P. Fernandes, the Olympic left winger, shone out from Sinds' forward line which appeared somewhat mediocre, and so did Hannah also to some extent.

The Losers were the first to score, having obtained their only goal at the commencement of the game.

Thereafter, however, Sind predominated and scored their four goals in succession. Hannah and Max Fernandes being responsible for one each and P. P. Fernandes two.

To-day's game—6 p.m.
Bombay vs. Punjab.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY

All city markets will remain closed on Tuesday being Maha Shivratri Holiday.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Medals

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

Six gold medals and six silver medals will be awarded by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, to writers of original essay on any aspect of India's culture. The subjects for the essays include religion and philosophy (Buddhistic, Jaina, Vedanta, Mimamsa, etc.), art and architecture, history, political, social and economic order. The medals have been donated and one gold and one silver medal will be awarded to the best and next best essay on "Bhagavad Gita and Life".

The essays which must be submitted by the end of July 1944 should cover approximately 150 pages of foolscap and they may be written in English, Sanskrit or Hindi—A. P.

Marathi Stage Centenary

The concluding items of the Marathi stage centenary which is being celebrated in Bombay for the last four days will be gone through to-day (Tuesday). At 3 p.m. Mr. Krishnarao Chonkar will sing. His performance will be followed by a discussion on "Who is responsible for the success of a play—the playwright or the actors? "Among those who will participate in the discussion will be Messrs. B. V. Varerkar, P. K. Atre, S. V. Vartak, Parshwanath Altekar, Nanasaheb Phatak and others. After a couple of songs by Mrs. Jyotsnabai Bhole, Mr. P. M. Laud will sum up the proceedings of the five days' celebration. At 10 p.m. "Kulavadhu" of Natya-Niketan will be staged.

COTTON ROOM RATES
Bombay Feb. 21.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 467, Sup 477, Fine 467, F. Good 462, L S S Pun.-Ame. Extra Sup-fine 610, Sup 605, Fine 600, F. Good 595, 289 F. Pun.-Ame. Extra Sup-fine 655, Sup 650, Fine 645, F. Good 640, S G 289 Extra Sup-fine 700, Sup 695, Fine 690, F. Good 685, N T Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr-fine 610, Sup 605, Fine 600, F. Good 595, Sawgin Sind-Ameri. Extra Sup-fine 655, Sup 650, Fine 645, F. Good 640.

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 18-2-1944 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,46,704.
Amount of cheques—48,66,77,242-11-4.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb. 21.

SHARES: After continued liquidation during the last week, the local Share Bazar was fairly steady today with short covering. There is more disposition to await Budget proposals and there was absence of any buying urge. The market fears some increase in taxation and is awaiting announcement in connection with further decline in cloth prices. It is said that absence of transport facilities had increased stocks of cloth in ma-

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

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nufacturing centres. There are no free deliveries to consuming markets and when deliveries are made, there may be resumption of demand but one must not overlook the policy of progressive decrease in cloth prices which is bound to reduce the margin of profits to mills. Tata Steel Defd. shares opened at Rs. 2061 and improved to Rs. 2075. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 410 and steadied at Rs. 411, Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2092 and improved to Rs. 2110. Century shares opened at Rs. 1090 and steadied at Rs. 1095. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 712 and hardened to Rs. 718.

BULLION: London Markets were closed on Saturday and New York quotations were unchanged. The local market was quiet with increased selling. Forward Silver was expected to open at Rs. 124 but the market opened easy at Rs. 123-4 and declined to Rs. 122-12 under tired liquidation. At the decline there appears some short covering and prices recovered to Rs. 123-4. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 125. Gold was quietly steady with a moderate turnover and both Spot and Forward quotations stood at Rs. 70-15-6.

The market ruled quietly steady, closing quotations Ready Silver Rs. 126, Forward Rs. 123. Ready Gold Rs. 71, Forward Rs. 71.

COTTON: Reports of re-opening of booking of raw cotton from interior stations and a rise of about Rs. 15 in up-country quotations helped the local market this morning which opened at Rs. 464-8 for March delivery and advanced to Rs. 468 under increased buying. Later on there was absence of demand and prices reacted to Rs. 467-8 on scattered realising. The improvement does not show any return of confidence as increased arrivals will check upward movement. The main trend still remains downward.

Prices declined to Rs. 466-8, but again improved to Rs. 469 on professional buying. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C March Rs 467-8, I C C May Rs 462-8, I C C July Rs 462-12.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Barsi 280, Sindh-Punjab 2,364, Western 204, East African 69. Total 2,917 Bales.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, Feb. 19.

I C C March highest 464/12, lowest 462/8, closing 464/8. I C C May highest 460/8, lowest 457/12, closing 460/8. I C C July highest 461/8, lowest 459, closing 461/8.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March delivery is below New York March 289 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS
Bombay, Feb. 21.

Khandesh Jarilla Ready Old 300/330, Ready New 390/420, Berar Jarilla Ready Old 340/360, Ready New 430/55, 289 F. Roller Ready Old 520/575, Ready New 635/50, February 635/50, N. T. Roller Ready Old 490/515, Ready New 598/600, February 598/600, 289 F. Saw-ginned Ready Old 560/600, Ready New 710/15.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Near month deliveries were the highest since early July on short covering prior to the first notice day and broad scale spot house buying representating fixations against the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation's acceptance of 332,000 bales for lend and lease.

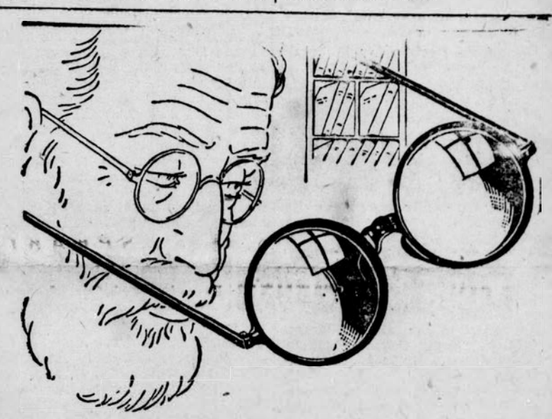
Spot demand tapered off, and while producers are reported to be offering at current prices, mills are unwilling to buy far ahead owing to fears of labour problems and the rising manufacturing costs.

According to the New York Cotton Exchange Service, world production will approximate 26,025,000 bales compared with 26,577,000 last season, and 26,121,000 two seasons ago.

Cotton goods demand active, but only small lots for nearby delivery were sold.

Washington developments are again expected to be in the fore_front and narrowness is anticipated at present.

Nearby months touched new seasonal high levels on persistent spot house buying and trade price-fixing. The demand was inspired partly by the announcement of further Government inquiry for textiles and the favourable interpretation of the Baruch report urging a speedy settlement of war contracts and orderly disposal of surplus goods in the post-war reconversion period. The market closed steady.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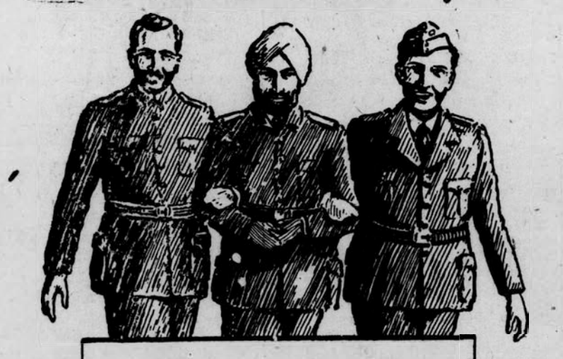
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Wanted well experienced Radio and Refrigerator Mechanics on decent salary. Also one Typist Clerk. Apply Cine-Radio Service, 20, Old Custom House Road, Bombay. (4156)

Wanted Immediately Lady Medical Graduate 200|250. Lady Sub-assistant Surgeon 125|150 quarters and practice outstation Hospital. Apply Box No. 4151, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Capable Salesman on commission or salary basis. See personally Everest Trading Co.', Sheikh Memon Street, 296, Rajendra House, 3rd Floor, Bombay. (4144)

Wanted An expert Supervisor with practical experience and technical qualifications for looking after Electroplating Machineries. Must be well-versed in the technique of Electroplating of all sorts of metals. Salary according to experience and qualifications. Apply to: J. K. Industries, Kamla Tower, Cawnpore. (7900)

Wanted a Typsit, knowing accounts and other Office routine work. Apply stating minimum salary expected to Box No. 4141, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Mill-Experienced Stores Purchasers for a well-known Mill in Bombay. Apply Box No. 7889 "Bombay Chronicle" stating qualifications, experience and minimum salary expected.

Wanted experienced Copyholders and Compositors. Apply with certificates to the Manager "Bombay Chronicle", between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

63. FLATS TO LET

To Be Let Small flat at Santa Cruz near Station. Apply Box No. 4155, "Bombay Chronicle."

191. MEDICAL ADLETS

Kailash Hills Herb relieves Asthma completely on dose to be taken on 9th March, 1944 (Full Moon). Apply: Brahmachari G. Das, Sri Sidha Brahmacharya Sewa Asram, P.O. Chitrakut (U.P.). (4153)

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322. MACHINERY FOR SALE

Sale: Rajas Darning Machine. Repairs holes in any Woollen Article with wonderful speed and neatness. Simple to use. Price Rs. 1|8|- Order with 50 p.c. advance. British Motor & Cycle Mart, Ambala. (4124)

327 AGENTS WANTED

Wanted for Provincial Union Assurance Ltd., Chief Agents, Chief Organisers for every Province and States of India and abroad. Terms attractive. Apply Central Office, 3, Mangoe Lane Bank of Calcutta Premises, Calcutta. 7740

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632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Well Established first class Bookshop for immediate Sale. Rare opportunity. Apply, Advertiser, Cumballa Hill, Post. (4145)

Some first class shares of different concerns of long standing are for sale. For full particulars apply —M. Chatterji: P321, Kavir Road, Calcutta. (7906)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SEA TRANSPORT HEADQUARTERS, BOMBAY.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from Licensed Stevedores for stevedoring and supply of labour in the port of Bombay for loading and discharging vessels under the control of the Assistant Principal Sea Transport Officer, India.

Tender forms and "Instructions to Tenderers" can be obtained from the Assistant Principal Sea Transport Officer, India, 10, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

C. L. TURBETT,
Captain,
Asst. Principal Sea Transport Officer, India, Bombay.
22nd February, 1944. (7905)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments.

STOREKEEPERS Ty. from Rs. 70|- upwards plus Dearness allowance. Pay according to qualifications. Some storekeeping experience essential.

CLERKS L|D ty. on Rs. 60 - plus dearness allowance.

APPLICANTS WILL, IF SUCCESSFUL, BE REQUIRED TO SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENT. APPLICATIONS, WITH COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING, BASE ENGINEER PARK, GHORPURI, POONA. (7898)

ARTISTS WANTED

THE EXHIBITION STUDIO, I. & B. Dept., Government of India, requires Artists to work in Bombay who are experienced in Cinema and display, pictorial painting apply in person to:—
EXHIBITION STUDIO,
I. & B. Dept., Govt. of India.
Cross Maidan, Esplanade Road,
Fort, Bombay. (7899)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE SHOLAPOOR SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

To

The Holders of the Debentures issued by the Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg., Co., Ltd., and secured by the Debenture Trust Deed dated 28th December, 1929, made between the Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg. Co., Ltd., of the first part and Framroz Edulji Dinshaw and Dinsha Kharshedji Daji of the other part of which Deed Dinsha K. Daji, Prof. Sohrab R. Davar, Major S. K. Engineer and Dinshaw D. Romer are the present Trustees.

At the meeting of the Debenture Holders held on the 16th day of February, 1944, the following RESOLUTION was passed as an Extraordinary Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Schedule Four to the Debenture Trust Deed.

RESOLUTION:

"That this meeting of the Holders of the Debentures of the Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg., Co., Ltd., secured by the Trust Deed dated the 28th December, 1929, supplemented by the Deed of Rectification dated the 14th April, 1931, and the Deeds of Appointment of the New Trustees dated the 4th October, 1932, and of the 20th October, 1936, and modified pursuant to resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Debenture Holders held on the 5th August, 1938, whereby the period of repayment was extended to the 1st July, 1950, with liberty to the Company to pay off on 1st July, 1945, or on 1st July, of any subsequent year upon six months notice in that behalf and the rate of interest was reduced from 7% to 5% convened pursuant to the provisions contained in the Fourth Schedule to the said Trust Deed hereby sanctions and approves the following modifications of the rights on the Debenture Holders against the Company and modification of the provisions contained in the Debentures issued pursuant to the said Debenture Trust Deed, namely, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the said Debenture Trust Deed or in the said Debentures the Company shall be at liberty to pay off on 22nd March, 1944, the full outstanding amounts in respect of all debentures together with full interest at 5% per annum accruing upto 1st July, 1945.

That the Trustees of the Debenture Trust Deed are authorised to sign such agreement as the Company and the Trustees may think necessary or proper to give effect to the above modification.

That The Company do give Notice of the above Resolution before 1st March, 1944, in any two Newspapers circulating in Bombay."

Pursuant to the above Resolution the Company has decided to pay off on the 22nd March, 1944, the full outstanding amounts in respect of all Debentures together with full interest at 5% per annum upto 30th June, 1945, and notice is hereby given to the Holders of all the above Debentures that the Company will pay off on 22nd March, 1944, at the Registered Office of the Company, Standard Building, 346 Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, the full outstanding amounts in respect of all Debentures together with interest at 5 per cent per annum.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
MORARKA & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 18th Feb. 1944.

N.B.—1. The Debenture Holders are requested to present their Debentures as early as possible at the Registered Office of the Company, Standard Building, 346 Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay between 12 noon and 3 p.m. (S.T.) during office hours on working days except Saturdays.

2. Payment will be made on and from the 22nd March, 1944, between the hours of 12 noon to 3 p.m. (S.T.) except Saturdays and holidays.

3. Temporary receipts will be issued to the party presenting the Debentures to the Company. Such receipts should be returned by the Debenture Holders duly discharged after two days when payment slips will be delivered to them in exchange to be presented for payment duly discharged on or after 22nd March, 1944. Such payment slips will be for the principal amount outstanding on the Debentures as well as all interest calculated at 5% ended 30th June, 1945.

4. The Debenture Holders are requested to submit the payment slips to the Company duly discharged NOT LATER THAN 31ST MARCH, 1944:

5. Payment will be made only by crossed and order cheques.

6. The Debenture Holders residing at Sholapur should present their Debentures for payment at our Mills in Sholapur as usual. (7907)

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, (PURCHASE BRANCH) BOMBAY invites tenders for the supply of stores detailed below:—

Item No.	Store.	Quantity.
19.	Rotary Convertor 110V, D.C. to A.C. with or without transformer as necessary.	4 Nos.
189.	Rotary Convertor 11 A.C.|110 D.C. 1½ K.W.	5 Nos.

TENDER NO. ESY|FLIP|3874C.

Price of tender forms etc. is Rs. 4|- per set and is not refundable and the forms are not transferrable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Controller of Supplies, (Purchase Eranch) Bombay, quoting tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon in the case of money order.

Tenders will be received up to 4 P.M. on 7-3-44.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief administrative Officer, Purchase Branch, Department of Supply, New Delhi must state in their applications for tender forms the name of their bankers. 7904

NOTICE

WAR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Firms (or persons) who imported Motor Cars and|or Trucks during the years 1937, 1938 and 1939 are requested to furnish a statement in the form below of their imports during each of those years. Information should also be given regarding

(1) the territory served by them during those years and
(2) whether distributing rights are still held.

The statement and information should be sent in time to reach this Department by the 8th March 1944.

Controller of Road Transport.

	1937	1938	1939
PASSENGER CARS of makes and types			
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(7866)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from British Subjects or subjects of Indian States for the post of Dockyard Personnel Officer H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay. The post is tenable for the duration of the War and for such period thereafter as may be necessary. Probationary period 6 months. Pay will be fixed in the scale of Rs. 600-40-1,000 p.m. according to qualifications. The applicant must be of good social status and must possess previous experience in the administration, control, and supervision of labour in a large Industrial or Business concern. Government servants are also eligible. Applications stating age, present appointment, previous experience, salary now drawn, special qualifications (if any) should be addressed to the Director of Personnel Services, Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, so as to reach him not later than the 6th March, 1944. (7902)

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL STORE DEPOT, BOMBAY.

TENDER FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR HAMALLAGE WORK, etc.

THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL (Medical Stores) Medical Store Depot, Bellasis Road, Byculla, Bombay will receive tenders up to 12 noon on the 6th March 1944 for Hamallage (Transport) Work and supply of tinsmiths with implements for the financial year from 1st April 1944 to 31st March 1945.

Tender forms will be issued on payment of Rs. 2|- per set on application. (7879)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HARIDAS P. PAREKH as the Executor and Trustee of the Will of Cowasji Hormusji Daver has agreed to sell to our client the property described hereunder.

Any person having any claim or right whatsoever in to or upon the said property or any part thereof is hereby required to give notice to the undersigned at 14 Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date of publication hereof otherwise the same shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of land containing an area of 2,000 square yards or thereabouts, situate on and being Plot No. 23 of the Worli Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay in the City and Sub-Registration District of Bombay together with the messuage tenements buildings and other structures thereon, bounded on the North by Plot No. 22A of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Mrs. Nawazbanu M. A. Karanjwalla and another, on the East by Plot No. 29 of the said Estate, on the South partly by Plot No. 23B of the said Estate agreed to be leased to J. B. Mehta and partly by Plot No. 23A of the said Estate agreed to be leased to J. B. Wadia and on the West by 80 feet Sea Face Road which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 3344 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 747 Worli Division and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 163 (1) Street No. 65.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1944.

DIVEKAR & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (7908)

NOTICE

WANTED experienced Storekeepers for Red Cross Depots in India on a salary of Rs. 250|- to Rs. 450|- p.m. according to qualifications and experience. Candidates must be well educated and have had previous experience of storekeeping. Applications with copies of testimonials should be submitted to the Red Cross Commissioner, Kelvin Grove, Simla. (7901)

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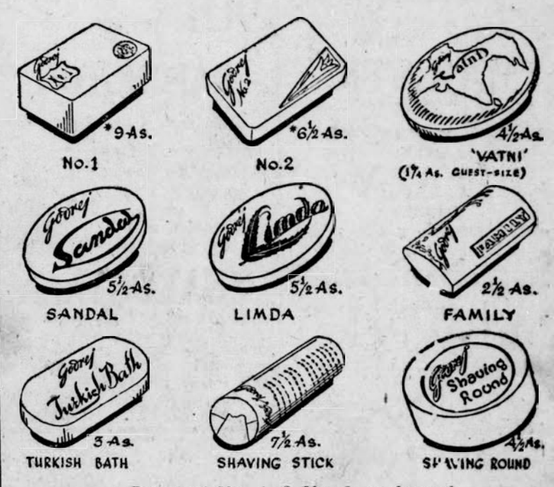

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